There are 11 irregular verbs in Irish. Verbs are irregular when their forms do not match the patterns we have learned so far, or when the stem of the verb (the form to which the endings are added) changes in different tenses. Another feature of irregular verbs is that the independent form (used in positive statements) and the dependent form (used in negative statements and in questions) can be different.

We previously covered the most useful and most irregular verb: *bí* (*be*).

In the previous lesson we looked at five additional irregular verbs. These five all have an unusual behavior in common: like *bí*, they use *ní*, *an* and *nach* in the past tense instead of *níor*, *ar* and *nár*.

téigh	go
déan	make, do
abair	say
feic	see
faigh	get

In this lesson we will cover the remaining five irregular Irish verbs. These verbs use *níor*, *ar* and *nár* in the past tense like regular verbs.

ith	eat
clois	hear
tar	come
tabhair	give
beir	catch

Tense / Mood	**Verb**	**Meaning**	**Negative**
modh ordaitheach	ith	(you) eat!	ná hith
modh ordaitheach	ithigí	(y'all) eat!	ná hithigí
aimsir chaite	d'ith	ate	níor ith
aimsir chaite	d'itheamar	we ate	níor itheamar
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	itheann	eats	ní itheann
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	ithim	I eat	ní ithim
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	ithimid	we eat	ní ithimid
aimsir fháistineach	íosfaidh	will eat	ní íosfaidh
aimsir fháistineach	íosfaimid	we will eat	ní íosfaimid
modh coinníolach	d'íosfadh	would eat	ní íosfadh
modh coinníolach	d'íosfainn	I would eat	ní íosfainn
modh coinníolach	d'íosfá	you would eat	ní íosfá
modh coinníolach	d'íosfaimis	we would eat	ní íosfaimis
modh coinníolach	d'íosfaidís	they would eat	ní íosfaidís
ainm briathartha	ithe	to eat, eating	

Ith do dhinnéar!	Eat your dinner!
Ar ith tú an píotsa go léir?	Did you eat all the pizza?
Íosfaimid iasc le sceallóga anocht.	We'll eat fish and chips tonight.
D'íosfainn an cál ceannann. Tá sé go hiontach.	I'd eat the colcannon. It's wonderful.
Cad ba mhaith leat le hithe?	What would you like to eat?

Tense / Mood	Verb	Meaning	Negative
modh ordaitheach	clois	(you) hear!	ná clois
modh ordaitheach	cloisigí	(y’all) hear!	ná cloisigí
aimsir chaite	chuala	heard	níor chuala
aimsir chaite	chualamar	we heard	níor chualamar
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	cloiseann	hears	ní chloiseann
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	cloisim	I hear	ní chloisim
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	cloisimid	we hear	ní chloisimid
aimsir fháistineach	cloisfidh	will hear	ní chloisfidh
aimsir fháistineach	cloisfimid	we will hear	ní chloisfimid
modh coinníolach	chloisfeadh	would hear	ní chloisfeadh
modh coinníolach	chloisfinn	I would hear	ní chloisfinn
modh coinníolach	chloisfeá	you would hear	ní chloisfeá
modh coinníolach	chloisfimis	we would hear	ní chloisfimis
modh coinníolach	chloisfidís	they would hear	ní chloisfidís
ainm briathartha	cloisteáil	to hear, hearing	

Ar chuala sibh an fhuaim sin?	Did y’all hear that sound?
Níor chualamar rud ar bith.	We didn’t hear anything.
Ní chloisfidh tú é, is dócha.	You probably won’t hear it.
An gcloisfeá míol mór agus tú ar bhád?	Would you hear a whale while you are on a boat?
Ar mhaith leat an t-amhrán a chloisteáil?	Would you like to hear the song?

Tense / Mood	Verb	Meaning	Negative
modh ordaitheach	tar	(you) come	ná tar
modh ordaitheach	tagaigí	(y’all) come	ná tagaigí
aimsir chaite	tháinig	came	níor tháinig
aimsir chaite	thángamar	we came	níor thángamar
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	tagann	comes	ní thagann
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	tagaim	I come	ní thagaim
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	tagaimid	we come	ní thagaimid
aimsir fháistineach	tiocfaidh	will come	ní thiocfaidh
aimsir fháistineach	tiocfaimid	we will come	ní thiocfaimid
modh coinníolach	thiocfadh	would come	ní thiocfadh
modh coinníolach	thiocfainn	I would come	ní thiocfainn
modh coinníolach	thiocfá	you would come	ní thiocfá
modh coinníolach	thiocfaimis	we would come	ní thiocfaimis
modh coinníolach	thiocfaidís	they would come	ní thiocfaidís
ainm briathartha	teacht	to come, coming	

Tar isteach agus suigh síos.	Come in and sit down.
Ar tháinig do chara in éinneacht leat?	Did you friend come together with you?
An dtagann sibh anseo go minic?	Do y’all come here often?
An dtiocfaidh sí ar ais amárach?	Will she come back tomorrow?
An mbeidh sé ag teacht linn?	Will he be coming with us?

Tense / Mood	Verb	Meaning	Negative
modh ordaitheach	tabhair	(you) give	ná tabhair
modh ordaitheach	tugaigí	(y'all) give	ná tugaigí
aimsir chaite	thug	gave	níor thug
aimsir chaite	thugamar	we gave	níor thugamar
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	tugann	gives	ní thugann
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	tugaim	I give	ní thugaim
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	tugaimid	we give	ní thugaimid
aimsir fháistineach	tabharfaidh	will give	ní thabharfaidh
aimsir fháistineach	tabharfaimid	we will give	ní thabharaimid
modh coinníolach	thabharfadh	would give	ní thabharfadh
modh coinníolach	thabharfainn	I would give	ní thabharfinn
modh coinníolach	thabharfá	you would give	ní thabharfá
modh coinníolach	thabharfaimis	we would give	ní thabharfaimis
modh coinníolach	thabharfaidís	they would give	ní thabharfaidís
ainm briathartha	tabhairt	to give, giving	

Tabhair dom an peann sin, le do thoil. — Give me that pen, please.
Ar thug sé cárta Nollag di? — Did he give her a Christmas card?
Tugaimid bia dó dhá uair sa lá. — We give it food two times a day.
An dtabharfá do mhadra leat? — Would you take your dog with you?
B'fhearr liom gan é a thabhairt liom. — I'd prefer not to take it with me.

Tense / Mood	Verb	Meaning	Negative
modh ordaitheach	beir	(you) catch	ná beir
modh ordaitheach	beirigí	(y'all) catch	ná beirigí
aimsir chaite	rug	caught	níor rug
aimsir chaite	rugamar	we caught	níor rugamar
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	beireann	catches	ní bheireann
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	beirim	I catch	ní bheirim
aimsir ghnáthláithreach	beirimid	we catch	ní bheirimid
aimsir fháistineach	béarfaidh	will catch	ní bhéarfaidh
aimsir fháistineach	béarfaimid	we will catch	ní bhéarfaimid
modh coinníolach	bhéarfadh	would catch	ní bhéarfadh
modh coinníolach	bhéarfainn	I would catch	ní bhéarfainn
modh coinníolach	bhéarfá	you would catch	ní bhéarfá
modh coinníolach	bhéarfaimis	we would catch	ní bhéarfaimis.
modh coinníolach	bhéarfaidís	they would catch	ní bhéarfaidís
ainm briathartha	breith	to catch, catching	

Beirigí ar an liathróid, a pháistí. — Catch the ball, kids.
Ar rug na gardaí ar an ngadaí? — Did the gardai catch the thief?
Níor rug go fóill. — Not yet (didn't catch yet).
Béarfaidh siad air go luath, is dócha. — They'll catch him soon, probably.
Níl sé in ann breith ar an gcat. — He can't catch the cat.
Rugadh i Nua Eabhrac mé. — I was born in New York.

Tharla timpiste do dhalta scoile. Bhuail carr a rothar ag na soilse tráchta. Tagann garda ar an láthair.	An accident happened to a schoolboy. A car struck his bicycle at the traffic lights. A garda comes on the scene.
G: Cad a tharla anseo? D: Bhuail an carr dearg sin mo rothar. G: Cá raibh tú ag an bpointe sin? D: Bhí mé ag casadh ar dheis ag na soilse. G: Cén dath a bhí ar na soilse? D: Bhí siad glas. G: Ar thug tú comhartha ar bith sular iompaigh tú? D: Thug. Shín mé mo lámh amach. G: An raibh tú i lár an bhóthair nuair a bhuail an carr tú? D: Bhí mé díreach ag casadh ó lár an bhóthair. G: Tabhair dom d'ainm agus do sheoladh led' thoil. Fan ansin nóiméad go gcloise mé cad tá le rá ag an tiománaí.	G: What happened here? S: That red car hit my bicycle. G: Where were you at that point? S: I was turning right at the lights. G: What color were the lights? S: They were green. G: Did you give any signal before you turned? S: Yes. I stretched out my hand. G: Were you in the middle of the road when the car hit you? S: I was just turning from the middle of the road. G: Give me your name and your address please. Stay there a minute until I hear what the driver has to say.

tharla – happened	anseo – here	ar thug – did give?	díreach – just	tá – is
timpiste – accident	dearg – red	thug – gave	ó – from	le rá – to say
do – to	sin – that	tabhair – give!	dom – to me	rá – to say,
dalta – student	mo – my	comhartha – sign	d'ainm – your	saying
scoile – of school	cá raibh – where	ar bith – at all	name	tiománaí – driver
bhuail – hit	were	sular – before	do – your	tiomáin – drive!
buail – hit!	cá – where	iompaigh – turned	ainm – name	
carr – car	bhí – was	shín – stretched	agus – and	
a – his	bí – be	sín – stretch	seoladh – address	
rothar – bicycle	tú – you	lámh – hand	led' thoil – please	
ag – at	pointe – point	amach – out	le do thoil –	
na – the (plural)	mé – I	an raibh – were?	please	
soilse – lights	casadh – turning	i – in	le – with	
solas – light	cas – turn	lár – middle	toil – will	
tráchta.- of traffic	cén dath – what	an bhóthair – of	fan – wait!	
trácht - track	color	the road	ansin – there	
tagann – comes	dath – color	an bóthar – the	nóiméad – minute	
garda – Garda	a – that	road	go – until, that	
ar – on	siad – they	bóthar – road	cloise – may hear	
láthair - place	glas – green	nuair a – when	clois – hear!	
cad – what				

1.	Ar ith tú cál ceannann riamh?	Did you ever eat colcannon?
2.	An itheann tú uaineoil?	Do you eat lamb?
3.	An íosfaidh tú liamhas um Nollaig?	Will you eat ham at Christmas?
4.	An íosfá píóg le huachtar reoite?	Would you eat pie with ice cream?
5.	Ar chuala tú amhrán as Gaeilge le déanaí?	Did you hear a song in Irish lately?
6.	An gcloiseann tú na héin ar maidin?	Do you hear the birds in the morning?
7.	An gcloisfidh tú ceolchoirm i mbliana?	Will you hear a concert this year?
8.	An maith leat toirneach a chloisteáil?	Do you like to hear thunder?
9.	Ar tháinig tú anseo go luath anocht?	Did you come here early tonight?
10.	An dtagann tú anseo ar rothar?	Do you come here on a bicycle?
11.	An dtiocfaidh tú anseo amárach?	Will you come here tomorrow?
12.	An mbeidh tú ag teacht anseo amárach?	Will you be coming here tomorrow?
13.	Ar thug tú foclóir leat anocht?	Did you bring a dictionary with you tonight?
14.	An dtugann tú féiríní Nollag do do chairde?	Do you give Christmas presents to your friends?
15.	An dtabhairfaidh tú féiríní do do mhuintir?	Will you give presents to your family?
16.	Ar mhaith leat barra seacláide a thabhairt abhaile leat anocht?	Would you like to take a bar of chocolate home with you tonight?
17.	Ar rug tú ar fheileacán riamh?	Did you ever catch a butterfly?
18.	An mbeireann na gardaí ar na gadaithe?	Do the gardai catch the robbers?
19.	Ar rugadh i San Diego thú?	Were you born in San Diego?
20.	Ar rugadh do thuismitheoirí in Éirinn?	Were your parents born in Ireland?